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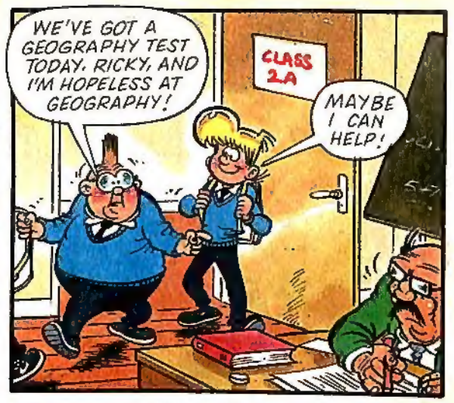

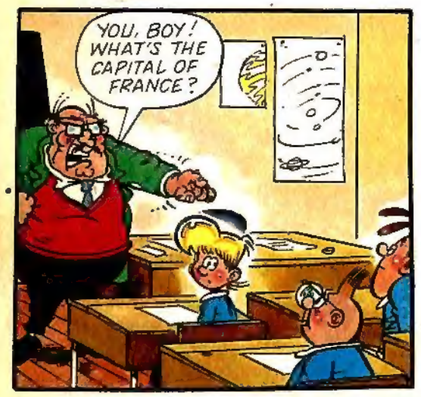

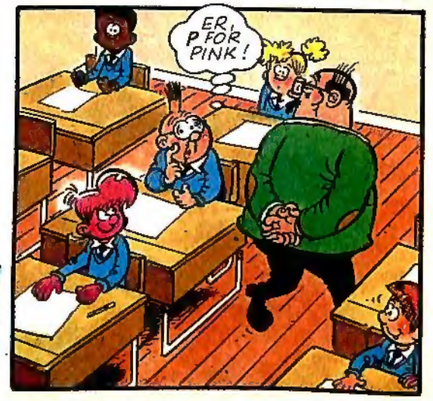

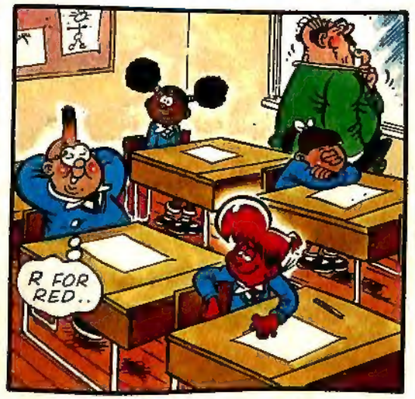

Tom Thug's SKOoldayZ

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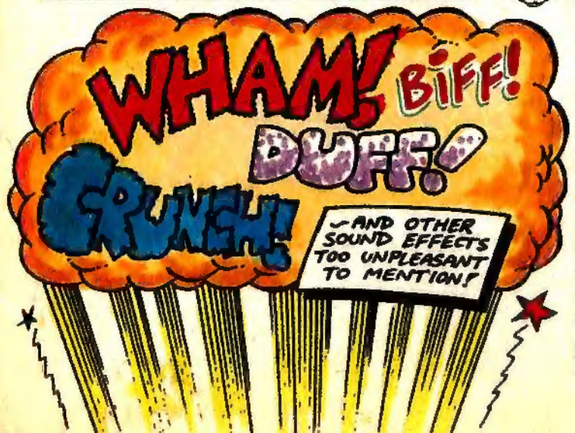
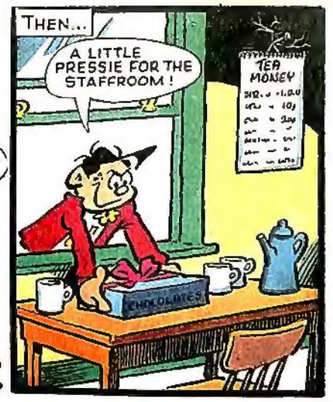
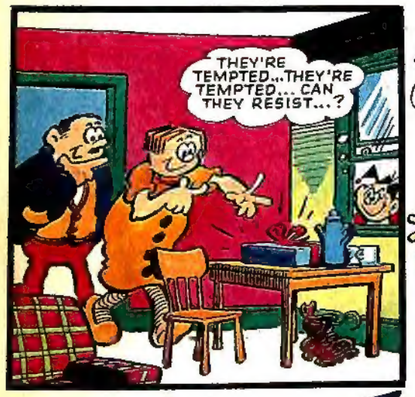


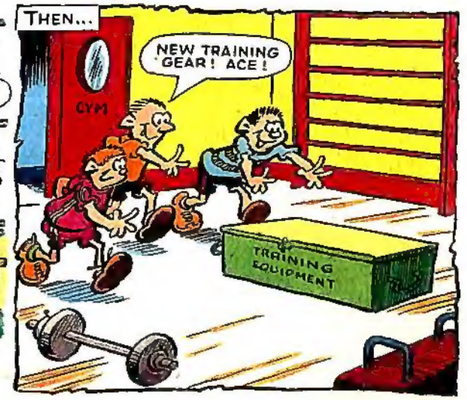
Jokey
HAVE A CASHEW, MANDY!
OOH, THANKS, I LOVE 'EM!

SPROING!
EEEK!
ARF! I THOUGHT I'D 'CASH...YEW'!


THEN...
A LITTLE PRESSIE FOR THE STAFFROOM!
TEA MONEY


THEY'RE TEMPTED...THEY'RE TEMPTED... CAN THEY RESIST...?

AAAAGH! JOKERED!
CACKLE!


THEN...
NEW TRAINING GEAR! ACE!
GYM
TRAINING EQUIPMENT

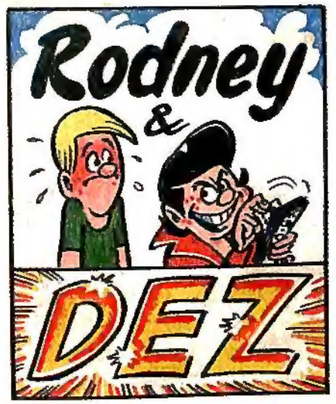
BLAT!
STUN!
WALLOP!

TRAINING GEAR TO SHARPEN YOUR REFLEXES! ARF!
GYM
TRAINING EQUIPMENT

YESSIR... THE OLD JOKES ARE THE BEST!
STORE ROOM

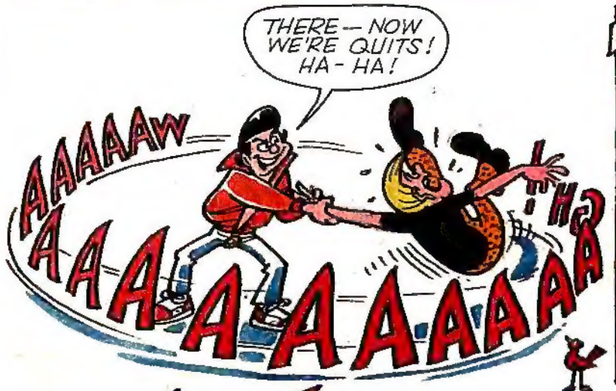
AND SO ARE THE OLD PUNISHMENTS!
GRAB!

FIVE HUNDRED LINES! GULP! THERE WON'T BE ANY 'SPRING' LEFT IN MY ARM AFTER THIS LOT!
SID BURGON


Rodney
&
DEZ

THESE ARE GOOD! YOU COULD DO WITH LEARNING SOMETHING FROM THIS, DEZ!
ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER
MAYBE!

I'VE DONE YOU A GOOD TURN... I GOT A GOOD PRICE FOR THAT! NOW, YOU DO ME A GOOD TURN!


THERE — NOW WE'RE QUITS! HA-HA!
AAAAAW
AAAAAAAAAAA

LATER...
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THIS?
NOT A LOT!
HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE QUID FOR THAT!
THAT'S A FAIR PRICE!
HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

I BID TEN!

FIFTEEN POUNDS!
SNATCH!
£5.00
DONE!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR HONESTY... YOU'RE A CROOK!
NEVER LET THE SUN SET ON A QUARREL
I'M A BUSINESSMAN, THAT'S ALL!

NOW, NOW! LET'S NOT ARGUE... SEE?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
NEVER LET THE SUN SET ON A QUARREL

WE'LL SETTLE IT NOW... AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON... CROOK!
WHAM!

Brain Busters!

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There are 10 differences between pictures A and B. Circle the differences clearly on picture B, complete the coupon with your name and address, then cut-out and send the coupon AND picture B to: SPOT THE DIFFERENCES No.42, BUSTER COMIC, FLEETWAY PUBLICATIONS, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX CM1 3XB to arrive by 23rd April, which is the closing date. The senders of the first four correct entries opened, who have clearly marked all 10 differences, will each win £5.

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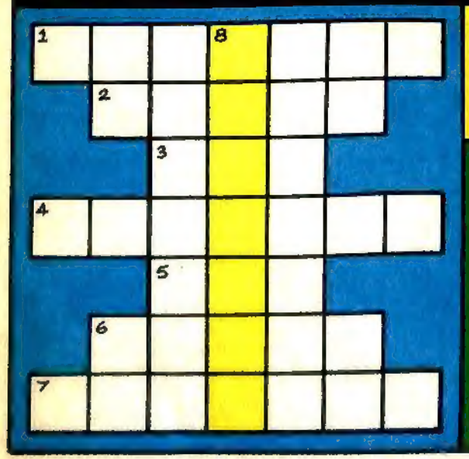

CAN YOU FIT THE WORDS BELOW INTO THE GRID – EACH ONE READING ACROSS – SO THAT THE COLOURED BOXES DOWN SPELL THE NAME OF A BUSTER CHARACTER ?

OILED
OAK
OUTLOOK
ORDER
OCTOPUS
OUTBACK
ODE

It's a Date

DO YOU KNOW THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING FESTIVALS ?

1 BOXING DAY
2 APRIL FOOL'S DAY
3 VALENTINE'S DAY
4 GUY FAWKES' NIGHT
5 NEW YEAR'S EVE
6 EASTER SUNDAY

ANSWERS – FILL-IN FUN: 1. OCTOPUS ; 2. ORDER ; 3. OPE ; 4. OUTBACK ; 5. OAK ; 6. OILED ; 7. OUTLOOK ! B. OPP BALL. IT'S A DATE : 1. DECEMBER 26th ; 2. APRIL 1st ; 3. FEBRUARY 14th ; 4. NOVEMBER 5th ; 5. DECEMBER 31st ; 6. THIS IS A TRICK QUESTION ! THE DATE VARIES EACH YEAR – IT'S THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST FULL MOON AFTER THE SPRING EQUINOX!

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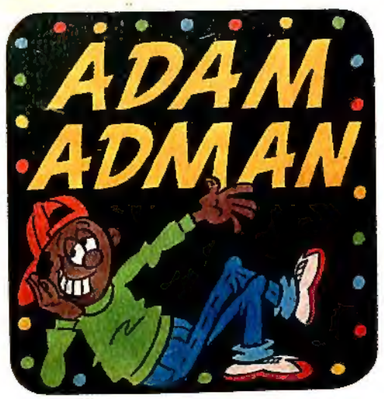

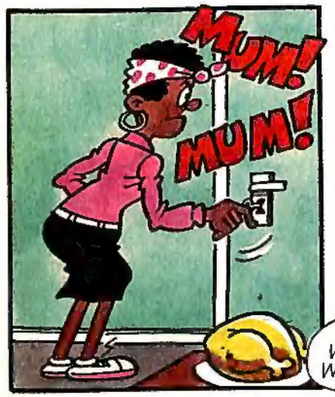

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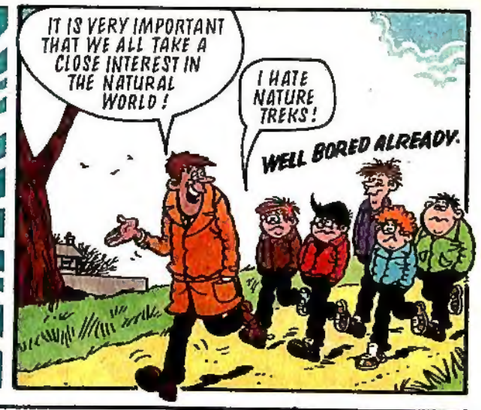
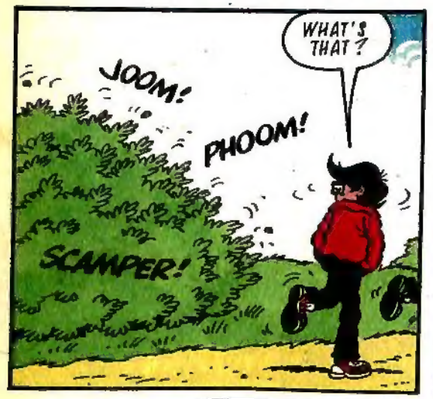
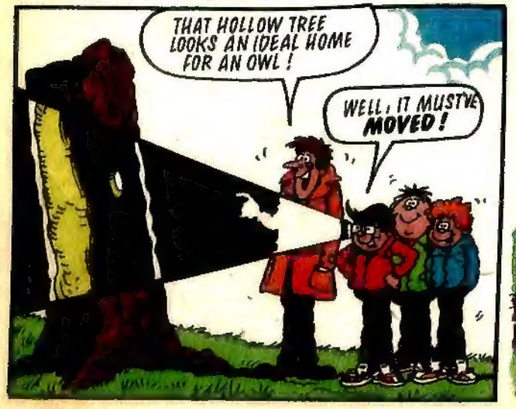

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL TAKE A CLOSE INTEREST IN THE NATURAL WORLD!
I HATE NATURE TREKS!
WELL BORED ALREADY.


WHAT'S THAT?
JOOM!
PHOOM!
SCAMPER!

LOOKS AS IF THE WILDLIFE SAW US FIRST!

OH, DEAR! WE'RE NOT HAVING MUCH LUCK SPOTTING WILDLIFE. CAN'T YOU HELP US WITH YOUR SPECS, RAY?
WELL...

NO RABBITS IN THE WARREN, I'M AFRAID..!


THAT HOLLOW TREE LOOKS AN IDEAL HOME FOR AN OWL!
WELL, IT MUST'VE MOVED!

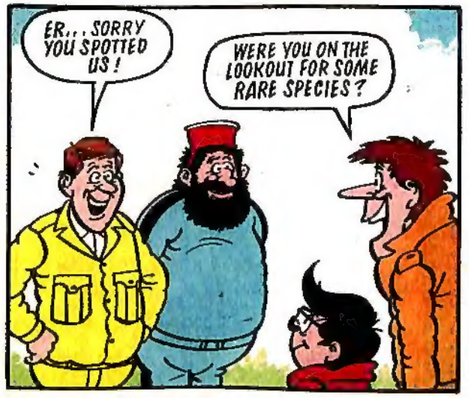
RAY! THERE'S SOMETHING HERE! S-SOMETHING B-BIG!
BURBLE!
SQUIRM!

IS IT A MONSTER?
NO! IT'S...
SQUIDGE!

...DAVID BELLYBY!
REALLY, REALLY INTERESTING!

GASP!
WHAT IS IT, RAY? SOME WILDLIFE AT LAST?

DAVID ATTENBORE'S HERE AS WELL!
WHAT? THERE ARE MORE WILDLIFE EXPERTS THAN WILDLIFE!


ER... SORRY YOU SPOTTED US!
WERE YOU ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SOME RARE SPECIES?

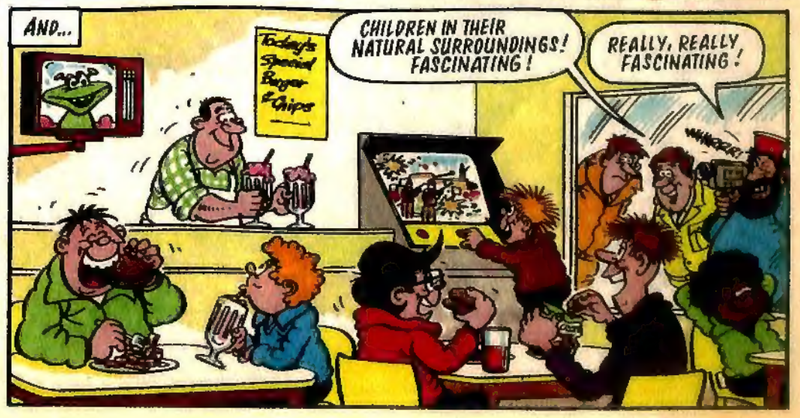
ER... NOT EXACTLY... THIS IS OUR NEW PROJECT...
...WE'RE NOT STUDYING ANIMALS, WE'RE STUDYING CHILDREN!

FASCINATING!
STUDYING US!? BLOOMIN' CHEEK!

WELL, ER... IF YOU REALLY WANT TO STUDY US IN OUR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS, WE'D NEED SOME EXPENSES...!

ONLY FAIR I SUPPOSE!
GREAT! NOW TO FIND THE NATURAL SURROUNDINGS!
WHAT'S HE UP TO?

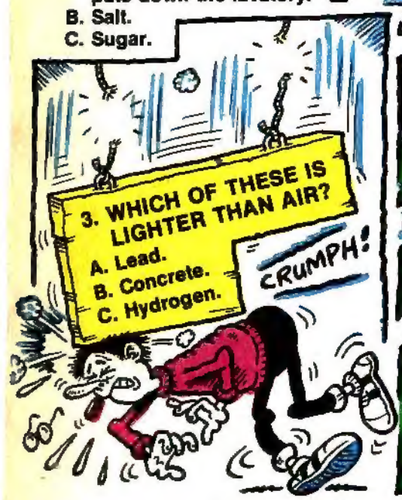
AH! THE VERY PLACE!
CAFE


AND...
Today's Special Burger & Chips
CHILDREN IN THEIR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS! FASCINATING!
REALLY, REALLY FASCINATING!

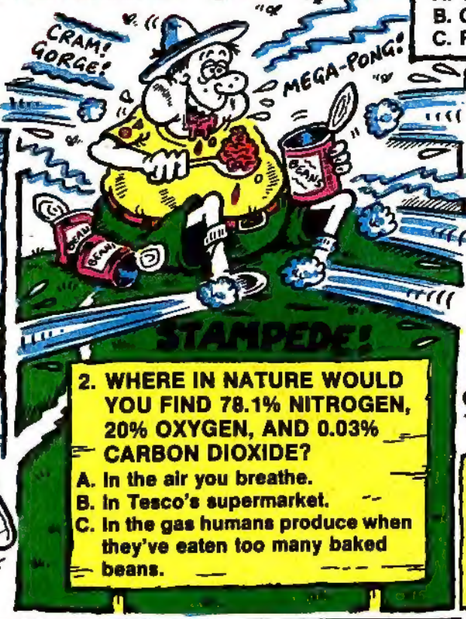
ARE YOU A COOL DUDE... ...OR A DUMBO?

Answer the following questions and then check your score on the special 'Buster Dumbometer'. Award yourself one point for each correct answer.

1. WHAT IS SODIUM CHLORIDE?
A. The blue stuff your mum puts down the lavatory.
B. Salt.
C. Sugar.



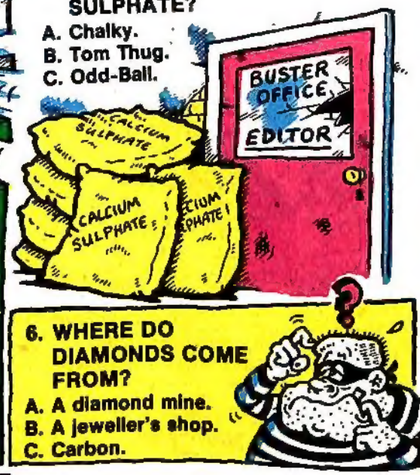
2. WHERE IN NATURE WOULD YOU FIND 78.1% NITROGEN, 20% OXYGEN, AND 0.03% CARBON DIOXIDE?
A. In the air you breathe.
B. In Tesco's supermarket.
C. In the gas humans produce when they've eaten too many baked beans.



3. WHICH OF THESE IS LIGHTER THAN AIR?
A. Lead.
B. Concrete.
C. Hydrogen.

4. H^2O IS THE FORMULA FOR WHAT?
A. Water.
B. Gold.
C. Raspberry Jam.

5. WHICH "BUSTER" CHARACTER USES CALCIUM SULPHATE?
A. Chalky.
B. Tom Thug.
C. Odd-Ball.



6. WHERE DO DIAMONDS COME FROM?
A. A diamond mine.
B. A jeweller's shop.
C. Carbon.

ANSWERS!

1. B. Sodium Chloride is the posh name for common salt. If you answered "C" then you'll know why your tea tastes so grotty!

2. A. These three gases are found in the atmosphere. If you answered "C" then deduct 3 marks from your total score for being rude!

3. C. The Editor wasn't going to put this question in 'cos he had three guesses before he got it right!

4. A. Another difficult question. Now when someone says "I'm going to H^2O the flowers" you'll know what they're talking about. (Not that anyone but a complete nerk would talk like that!)

5. A. Calcium Sulphate is used to make chalk.

6. C. The other two are correct, but extra brainy readers will know that diamonds are a form of carbon. You have to watch out for these tricky questions!

BUSTER DUMBOMETER

0-1:
Scientific knowledge has advanced since mankind crawled out of the slime a few billion years ago. Pity your knowledge hasn't!

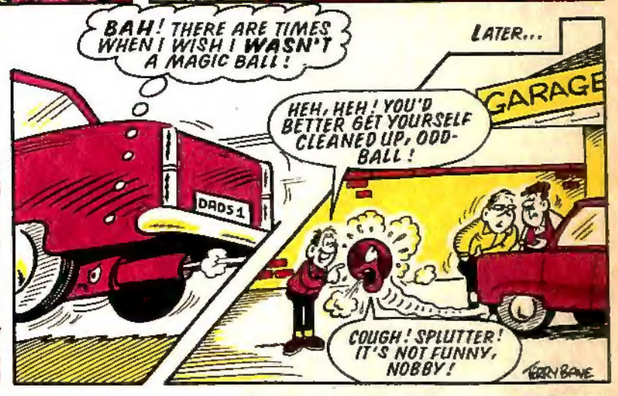
2-3:
Check your school timetable. You should have been attending the box marked "Science."

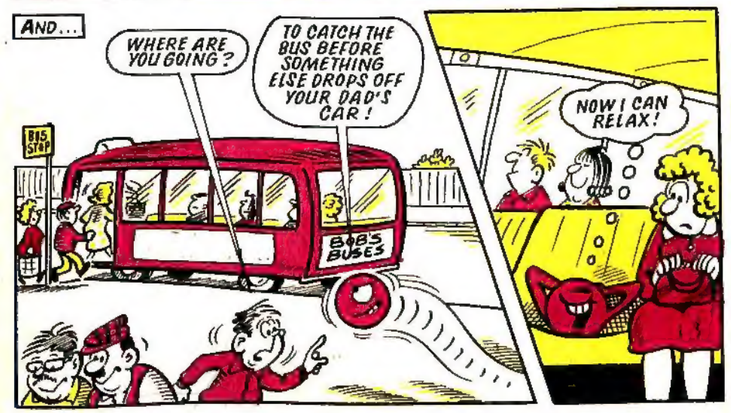
4-5:
Nothing to be proud of. A score like this is what you might expect from a PE teacher.

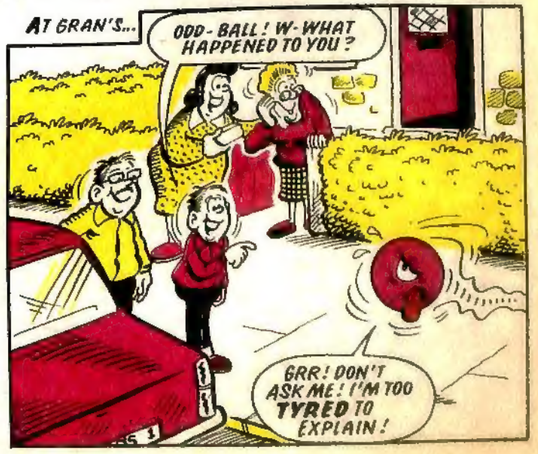
6:
Zero temperature. You are this week's cool science dude!

TURN THE PAGE TO CHECK YOUR SCORE!..

Odd-BALL







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BUSTER'S PIN-BOARD, BUSTER COMIC, FLEETWAY PUBLICATIONS, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 3XB.

Buster's Pin-board

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This is a mixed up Buster character called Mr. Mega Mix.
-MICHAEL RICHARDSON, YARM.

Dear Buster
None of my pictures has ever been put in any comic, so please will you put my picture on your pinboard.
-Amanda Craven, Axminster.

Please fill in and send this coupon when you write to me.

The coolest pages in BUSTER are:
1. _____
2. _____
I think this is boring:
_____

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Dear Buster

EACH LETTER WINS £2

Dear Buster,
I think your pet worm is fab. I haven't been reading BUSTER very long, so I don't know his name. Please tell me, as I think he is cush.
-KARL WATKINSON, HEATON.

CUSTARD PIE CORNER

Dear Buster,
I've been waiting for you to do something like this, so I can get my brother! Please print him being pied!
-KEVIN CRITCHLEY, FISHERMEAD.
...No prob. pal! Consider him GOT!!

BUSTER'S BIRTHDAY LIST

7 APR - DAVID FROST.
8 APR - HYWELL BENNETT.
9 APR - KIRSTY SMITHIES, SOUTHWATER.
13 APR - PETER DAVISON.

BUSTER'S BONANZA

20 RUBIK™ PUZZLES UP FOR GRABS!

MATCHBOX

Okay, pals, here's your chance to test the old brain cells, courtesy of Matchbox Toys. Their new RUBIK'S* collection features four mind-boggling puzzles - RUBIK'S* TRIANGLE... where you have to arrange 25 tiles of 'tangled' rope to form continuous lines of the same colour. RUBIK'S* DICE... a hollow cube puzzle that could send you 'dotty'. RUBIK'S* FIFTEEN...a double-sided dilemma and RUBIK'S* TRIAMID, a three-sided pyramid that comes apart, and you have to put it back together! The puzzles are in the shops now priced from 4.99 - 7.99... but I've got 20 to give away FREE. Fancy trying for one? Write your name and address on a postcard, or a stuck-down empty envelope and send to RUBIK'S* PUZZLES FREEBIES at the Buster address. First 20 pulled from the postbag after 23rd April get the puzzles. *TM

SWEET-TOOTH

I'VE BOUGHT SOME BOILED SWEETS AMONG OTHER THINGS TODAY! THEY LAST FOR AGES!
SWEETS

HEE, HEE! YOU'RE WRONG, SWEET-TOOTH... THEY'VE GONE ALREADY! SNIGGER!
AAARGH!
SNATCH!

GRR! GIVE MY SWEETS BACK, GREG!
CHUCKLE! I WON'T BE GREEDY, SWEET-TOOTH...

...I'LL SLIP YOU A COUPLE! CHUCKLE!
AAARGH! YOU ROTTER!

HAW, HAW! SWEET-TOOTH WAS **BOWLED OVER** BY MY OFFER!
GRR! I'LL FIX HIM!

TEE, HEE! MY TOFFEE APPLES AND LIQUORICE MAKE A FINE BOLAS!
TWIRL!

OH, NO! MY SWEETS HAVE GONE OVER THAT WALL!
WHAT THE..? OOF!
THUD!

WHOSE SWEETS ARE THESE?
COO! THEY'RE MINE!
?!

OUCH!
NO, THEY'RE NOT — THEY'RE MINE!
GRR... IS THAT SO..?
SHOVE!

WELL, YOU CAN PAY FOR THE GLASS THAT GOT BROKEN WHEN THEY LANDED ON MY GREENHOUSE!
OH, NO! I'M OFF!
GASP!

COME BACK HERE, YOU!
HELP!
HO, HO! GREG SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN MY **BOILED** SWEETS — THEY'VE GOT HIM IN **HOT WATER**!

DOUBLE TROUBLE

PICK OUT SOME OLD TOYS FOR THE "BRING AND BUY SALE" TODAY!
TOYS

THIS FOOTBALL CAN GO!
WHAT?

I SCORED MY FIRST GOAL WITH THAT BALL!
BUT I HAD MY BEST DRESS ON — SO I COULDN'T DIVE!

THE WATERING-CAN CAN GO!
BUT I WATERED MY FIRST FLOWERS WITH THAT.
TOYS

YOU WATERED ME, TOO!
JUST TRYING TO MAKE YOU GROW!

WHAT ABOUT THIS OLD DRUM?
NO WAY! I PLAYED SWEET MUSIC ON THAT!

...AND BURST IT OVER MY HEAD!

THIS TEDDY CAN GO!
NO! IT'S CUTE!

NOT WHEN YOU STUFFED GRANDAD'S FALSE TEETH INTO ITS MOUTH IT WASN'T!!

DECIDED YET?
YEAH! THIS DOLL CAN GO! IT'S NOT OURS ANYWAY!

NO! IT WAS MINE — AND IT **STAYS**!
AW, MUM! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
TOYS
TERRY BAVE

THE CRAZIEST CUCUMBERS ARE ALWAYS IN BUSTER COMIC!

STUPID STREET

EPISODE 14: DUDLEY MARRIES A STANDARD LAMP.

I WISH OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOUR WOULD STOP **BORROWING** THINGS, DUDLEY!

ER... SO HOW LONG DO YOU NEED OUR **HOUSE**?

NO FISHING

I'LL POP IT BACK TOMORROW, OKAY?

RUMBLE

BRR! IT'S A BIT DRAUGHTY LIKE THIS!

BING! BONG! PYOING! DOINK!

WE CAN'T POSSIBLY SLEEP OUT HERE!

WE'LL HAVE TO FIND SHELTER!

LASSO!

MAYBE FIDO WILL LET US SHARE HIS KENNEL?

FIDO

BELCH!

MOO.

WHAT'S MINE IS YOURS!

LUNCH

TEA

THAT INCLUDES THE **FLEAS!** TITTER!

ERK!!

REX

ITCH!

I'LL BUILD A SHELTER WITH MY OLD BUILDING BRICKS!

AN ARM AND A LEGO BRICKS

NEAT IDEA!

FLEA POWDER

SIX HOURS LATER...

YO! NOT BAD!

THERE'S JUST ONE THING, DAD...

...DON'T SLAM THE DOO...

SLAM!

CRASH!

OOPS!

GROAN! NOW WHAT WILL WE DO?

STUPID STREET APPRECIATION SOCIETY

HEE!

SO...

PASS ME ANOTHER NUT, DUDLEY! THEY'RE VERY MOREISH!

BIRD HOUSE

HOO!

NUT SOUP

BUT, DAD...

... YOU'VE EATEN FAR TOO MANY ALREADY!

OOER!

BULGE!

SCONES.

KRAK!

THEN...

COULD YOU PUT US UP FOR THE NIGHT, MRS. RIDICULOUS?

BURP!

OF COURSE! CAN **PUT YOU UP**, DEARIES!

PARP!

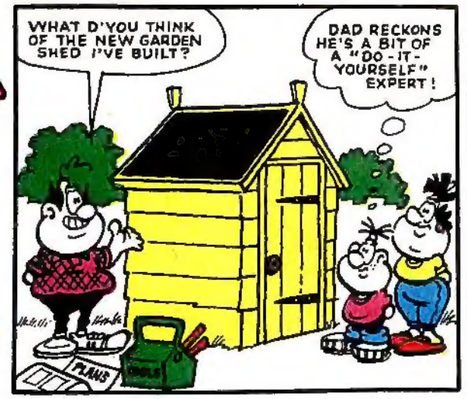
MERVYN –

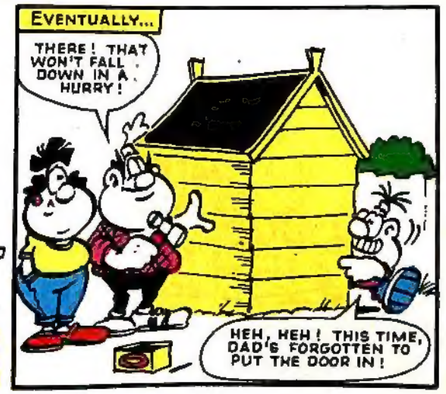
DON'T COMPLAIN – AT LEAST IT'S WARM!

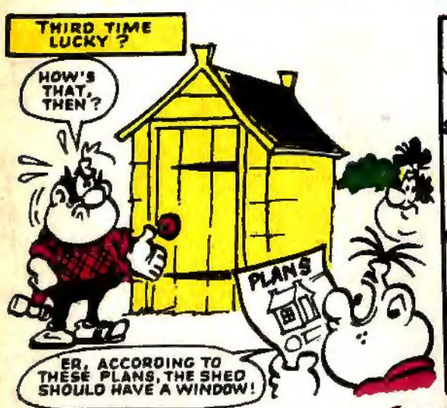
NOSE

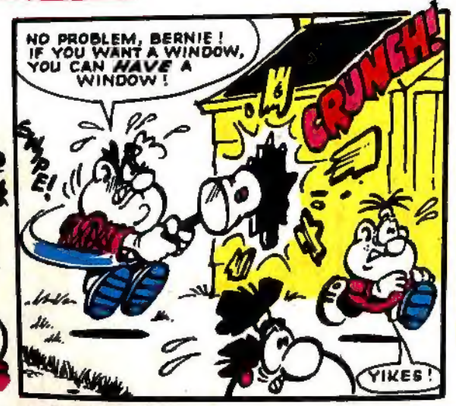
YOGHURT WEEKLY

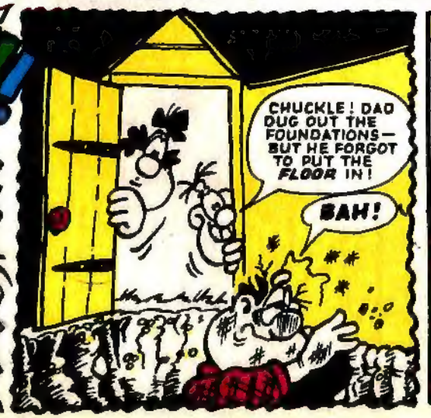
MEMORY BANKS

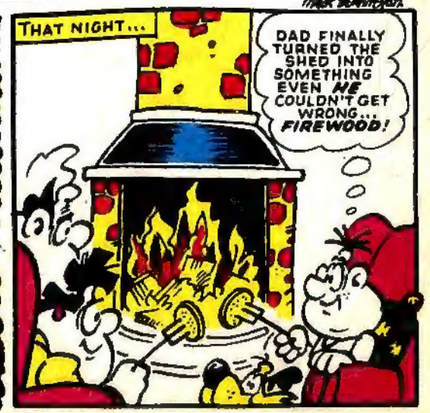












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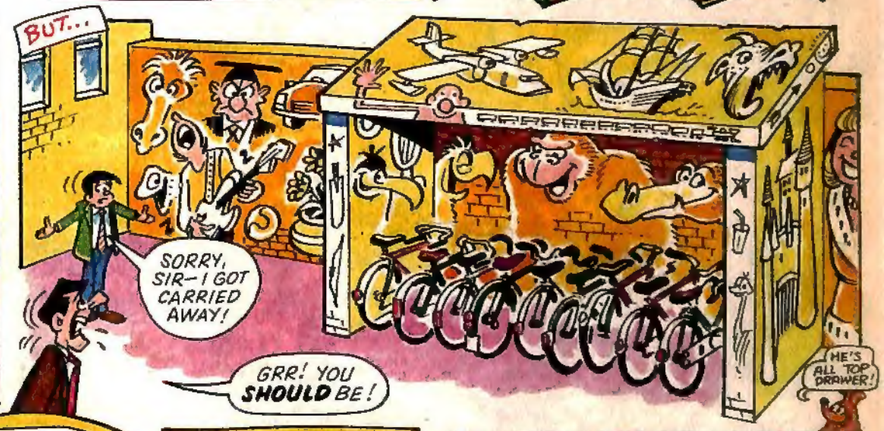

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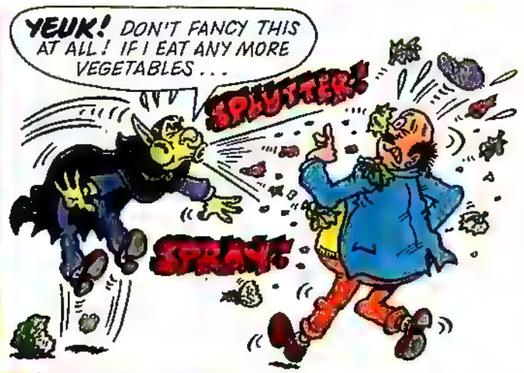

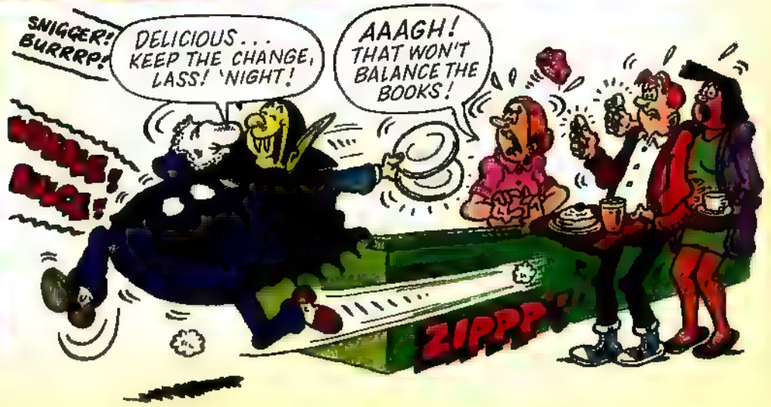

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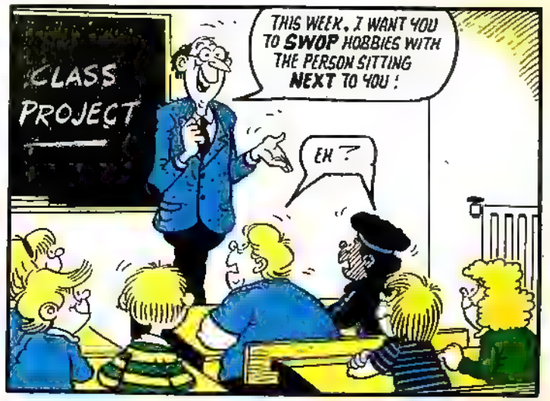

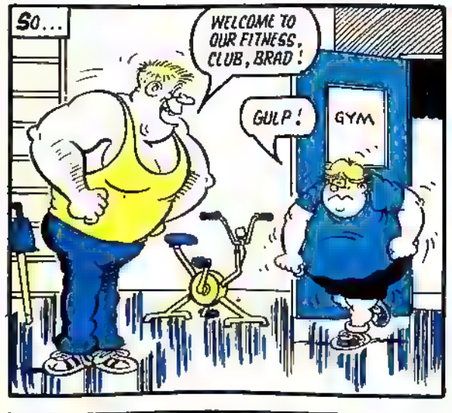

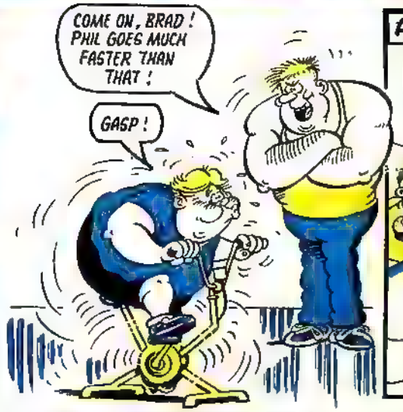

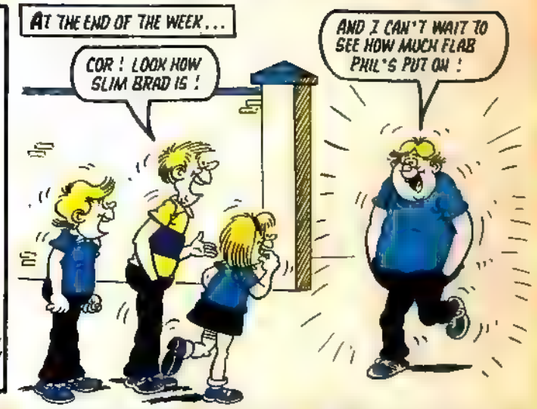

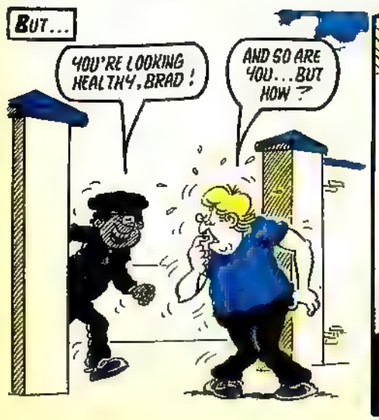

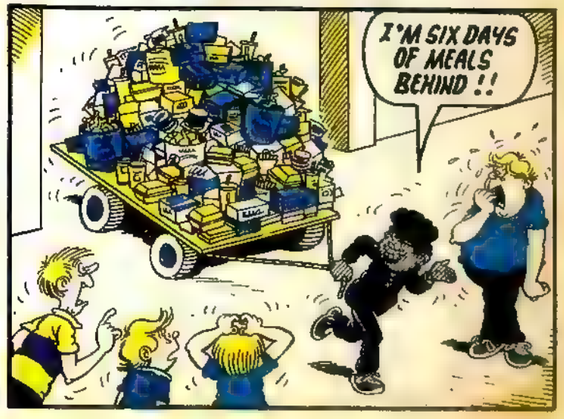

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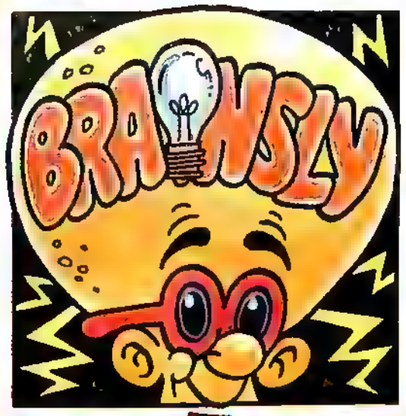
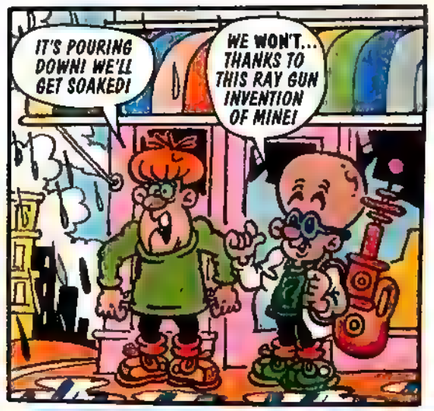
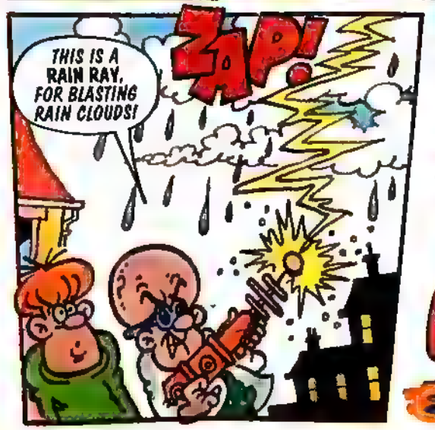
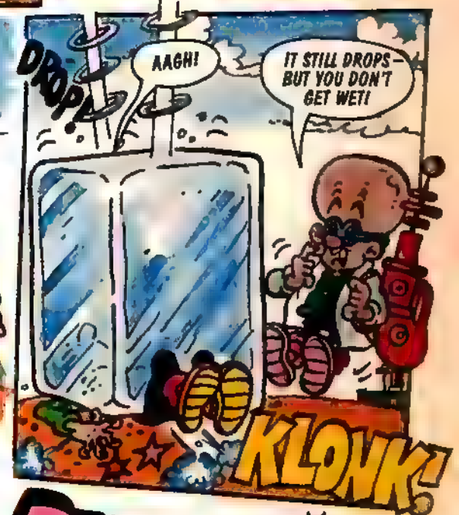
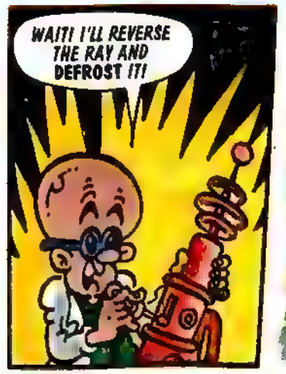
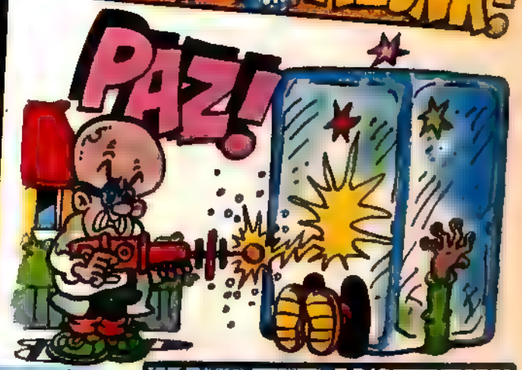


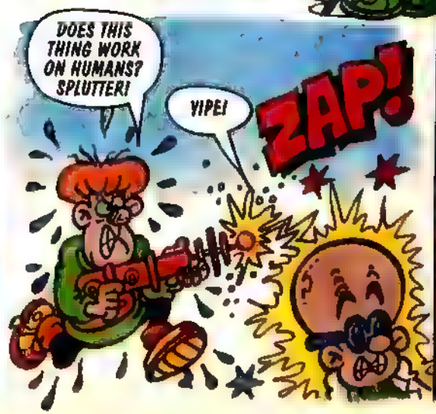


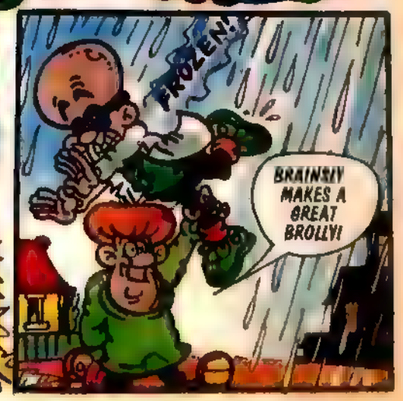












SPECKY HECTOR'S HISTORY OF COMICS

PART 8: COMICS of the 1970's!

FOOTBALL HAD ALWAYS BEEN A POPULAR THEME FOR BRITISH COMIC STRIPS, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL 1970 THAT A WHOLE COMIC WAS DEDICATED TO THE GAME! SCORCHER Nº1 FEATURED A VARIETY OF SOCCER STRIPS, INCLUDING BILLY'S BOOTS! TODAY, BILLY DANE AND HIS MAGIC BOOTS APPEAR IN ROY OF THE ROVERS MONTHLY!

SCORCHER PAVED THE WAY FOR OTHER "SINGLE THEME" COMICS OF THE 1970'S SUCH AS WARLORD AND BATTLE (WAR STORIES); SCORE 'N' ROAR (SOCCER AGAIN), AND MISTY (A SUPERNATURAL COMIC AIMED AT GIRLS). EVEN THE LONG-RUNNING ADVENTURE TITLE TIGER BECAME AN "ALL SPORT" PAPER!

SEVERAL OF BUSTER'S TOP CHARACTERS FIRST APPEARED IN THE 1970'S! FUSS POT AND JOKER STARTED OUT IN KNOCKOUT COMIC IN 1971! THAT SAME YEAR SAW CHALKY MAKE HIS DEBUT IN COR!! WEEKLY, AND IN 1973, SWEENY TODDLER STARTED IN SHIVER AND SHAKE Nº1! TWO YEARS LATER, MONSTER FUN COMIC Nº1 INTRODUCED X-RAY SPECS TO ITS READERS!

SHIVER AND SHAKE ALSO FEATURED THE RETURN OF FRANKIE STEIN, A SIXTIES CHARACTER REVISED AND UPDATED FOR THE 1970'S BY ARTIST ROBERT NIXON!

IF YOU'RE THINKING THAT FRANKIE MUST BE A SPECIAL SORT OF KID — YOU'RE RIGHT!

YOOHOO, POP! I'M ALL READY FOR SCHOOL! HELLO, WHERE'S THE OLD BOY GONE?

KERPSH!

UNGGG!

I'm quick on the draw!

HEY, CHEEKY, WHAT SHOULD I GIVE MY BIG BROTHER FOR A SORE LEG?

A KICK ON THE SHIN!

KRAZY WAS THE TITLE OF A WILD NEW COMIC OF 1976! ALTHOUGH PACKED WITH FAST-PACED, FUNNY STRIPS, KRAZY ONLY LASTED FOR TWO YEARS, BUT ITS STAR CHARACTER, CHEEKY, WAS AWARDED HIS OWN COMIC IN 1977!

OW! LEGGO MY EARS!

NOW TO GUIDE HIM INTO THE SHOP... I'LL USE HIS EARS LIKE HORSE'S REINS!

I'LL WEAR THEM INSTEAD OF MY OWN!

SCIENCE FICTION WAS THE THEME FOR 2000 A.D., LAUNCHED IN 1977! A NEW-STYLE DAN DARE WAS INTENDED TO BE THE STAR, BUT THE STRIP WAS A FAILURE, AND 2000 A.D.'S MAJOR HIT WAS JUDGE DREDD WHO STARTED IN ISSUE TWO! EXCEEDING ALL EXPECTATIONS, DREDD HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNISABLE COMICS CHARACTERS IN THE WORLD!

I'M JUDGE SPECKY!

ACTION WAS A MODERN NEW COMIC WHICH CAME OUT IN 1976! DESIGNED TO BE TOUGHER IN CONTENT THAN PREVIOUS COMICS, AND WITH STRIPS LIKE HOOKJAW THE KILLER SHARK, ACTION FELL VICTIM TO ITS OWN SUCCESS AND WAS BANNED FOR BEING TOO VIOLENT! IT RETURNED IN A LESS VIOLENT (AND LESS POPULAR) FORM, BUT MERGED INTO BATTLE IN 1977!

OOER! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND THIS IN THE LOCAL SWIMMIN' BAFFS!

COMING SOON: COMICS OF THE 1980'S FROM THE NEW EAGLE TO OINK!

FUSS POT

COME ON, MUM AND DAD. I'M FUSSY ABOUT AN AFTERNOON WALK!

ALL RIGHT, WE'RE COMING!

GRACIOUS! WHAT'S THAT?

I COULDN'T AFFORD A NEW HAT, SO I MADE ONE MYSELF!

I'M NOT WALKING WITH YOU WEARING THAT! I'M FUSSY WHO I'M SEEN WITH!

GUST!

EEK!! MY HAT! DAD—GET IT FOR ME AT ONCE!

TRUST HIM TO BE DAWDLING MILES BEHIND! I'D BETTER RESCUE IT MYSELF, BEFORE IT FALLS IN THE STREAM!

YEOWW!

SNAP!

HELP! GET ME DOWN FROM HERE!

THAT LOOKS LIKE FUSS POT!

IT CAN'T BE— SHE'S MUCH TOO FUSSY TO CLIMB TREES!

RRIP!

AAARGH!

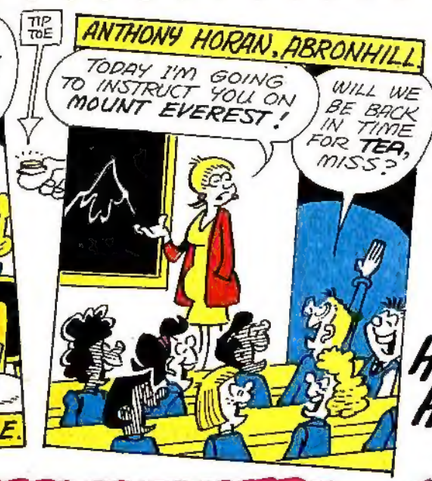
IT IS HER, Y'KNOW!

NOW, HOW AM I GOING TO GET HOME? MY DRESS IS TORN TO SHREDS!!

GOOD JOB THIS IS ONLY A HOME-MADE HAT—GOT A PEN-KNIFE ON YOU, DAD?

MY HAT MAY NOT BE THE HEIGHT OF FASHION—BUT IT'S DONE YOU A TURN! HO, HO!

FUSS, FUSS!



HO-HO!

CHALKY'S JOKE PAD!

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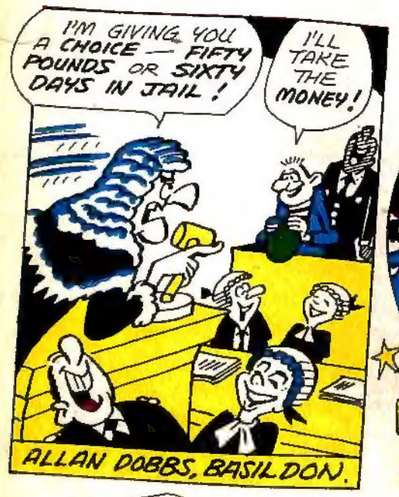

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FLIP SIDE

Attach this to your joke

Features I like:

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Features I hate:

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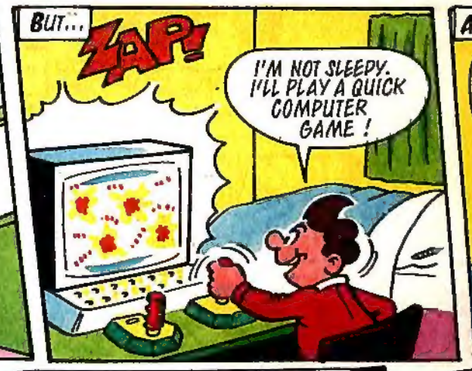
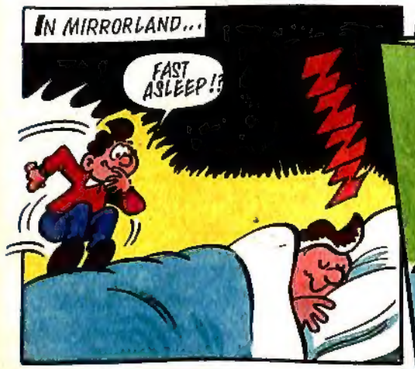
MELVYN'S MIRROR





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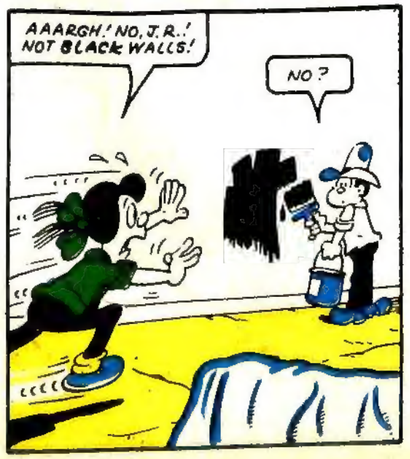

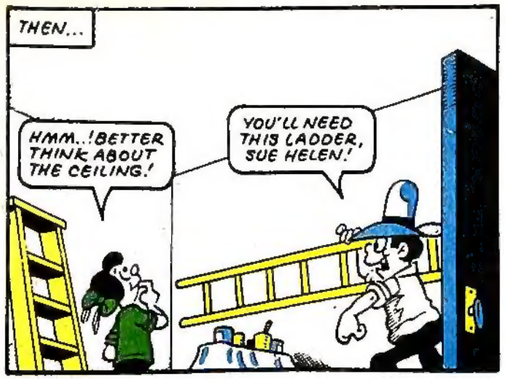

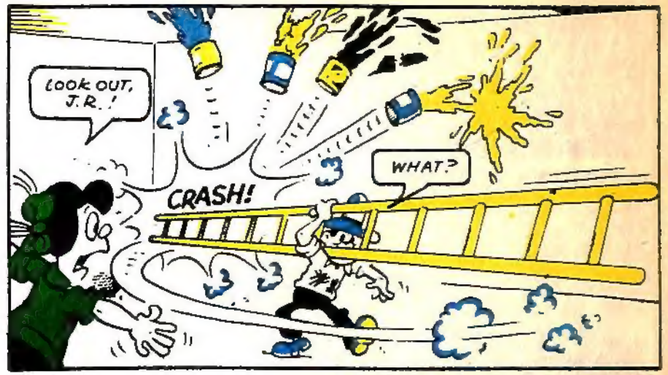

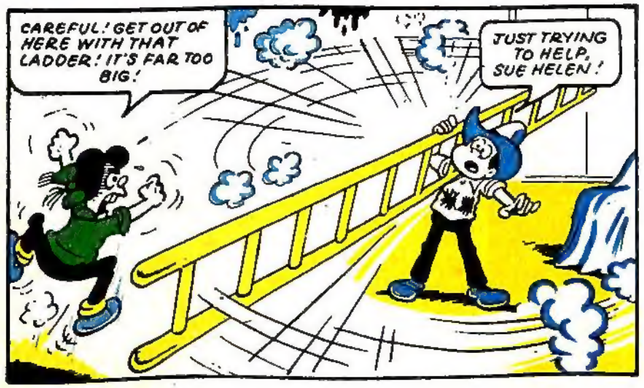

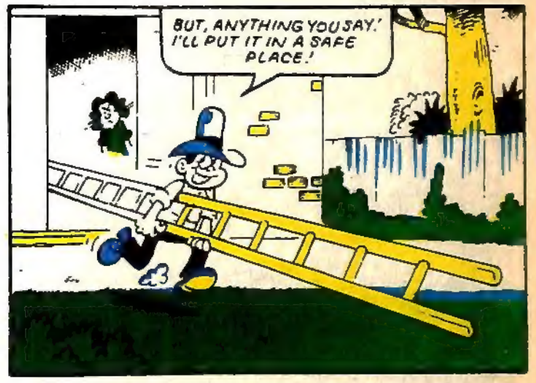

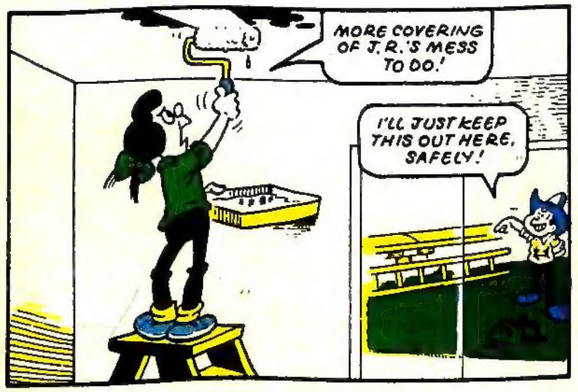

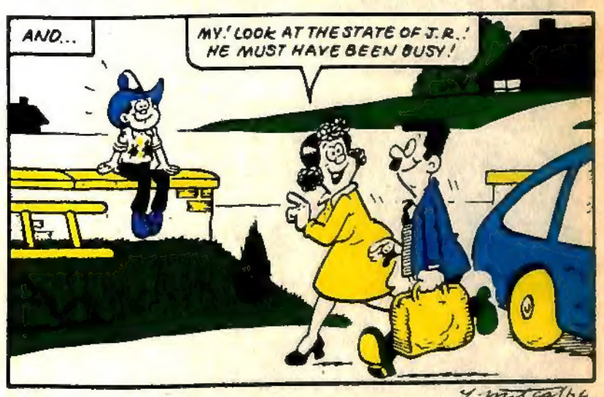

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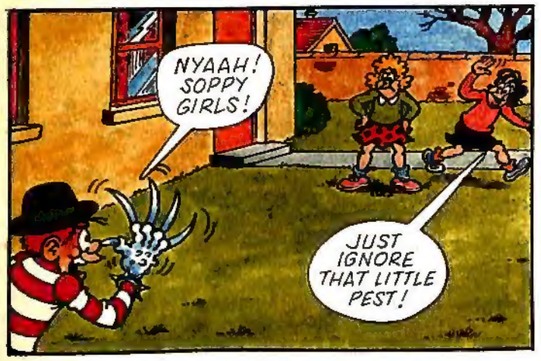
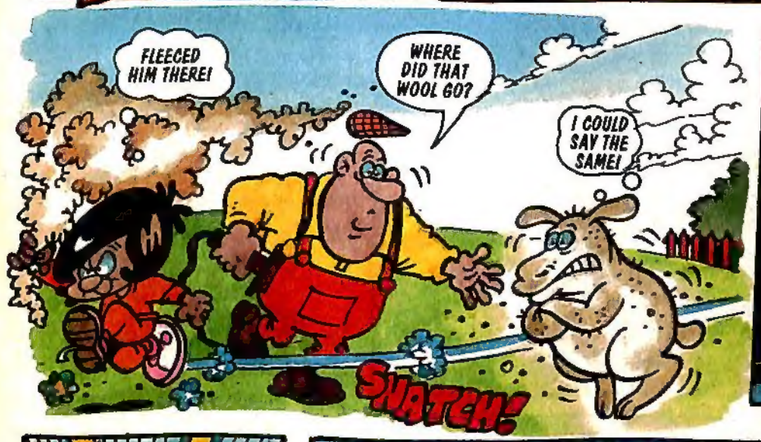
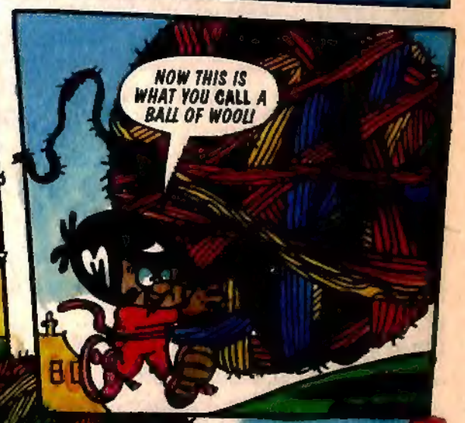
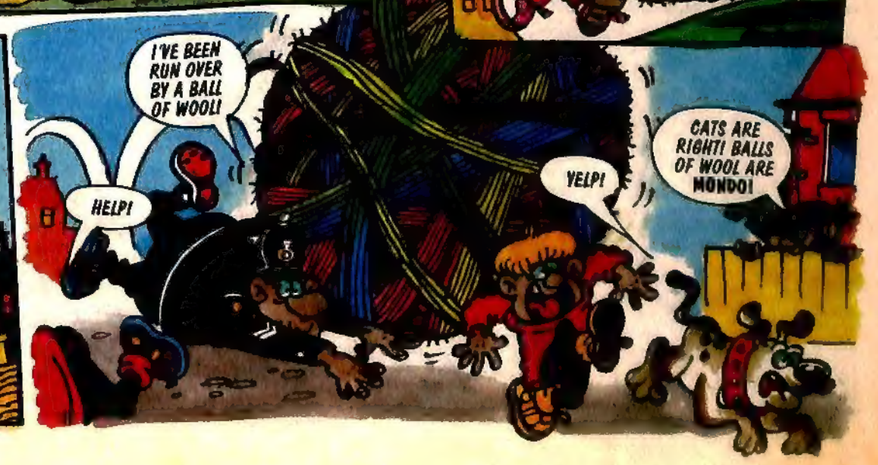


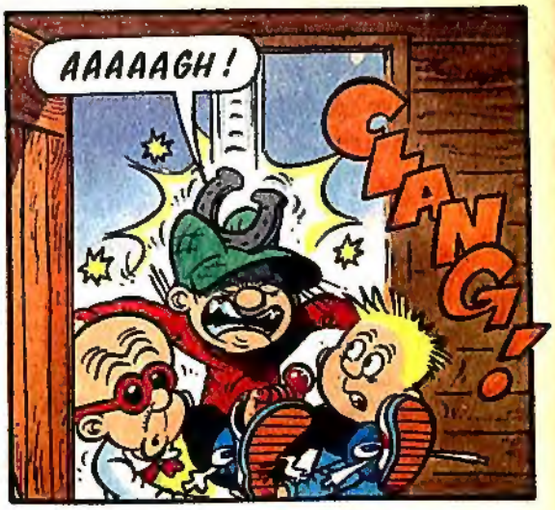




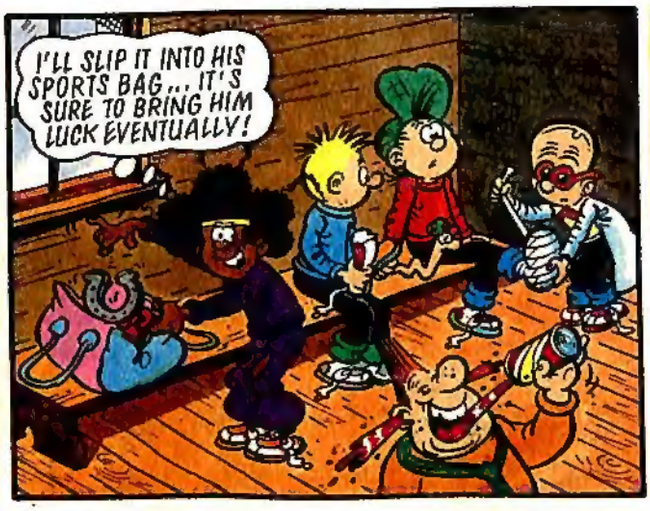


I'LL PUT IT HERE... WE COULD DO WITH SOME LUCK!

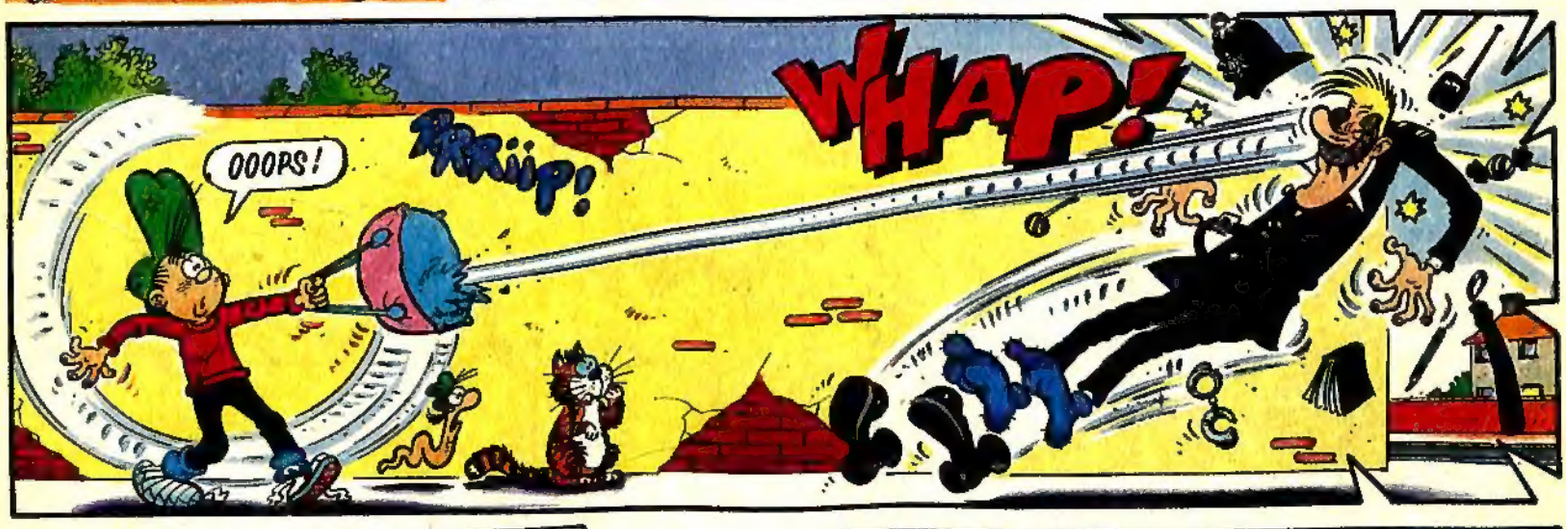
TRY TO FORGET ABOUT YOUR FOOT, BUSTER!
THEN THE PAIN WILL GO AWAY!


AAAAAGH!
CLANG!

GET RID OF IT... NOWWWW!!

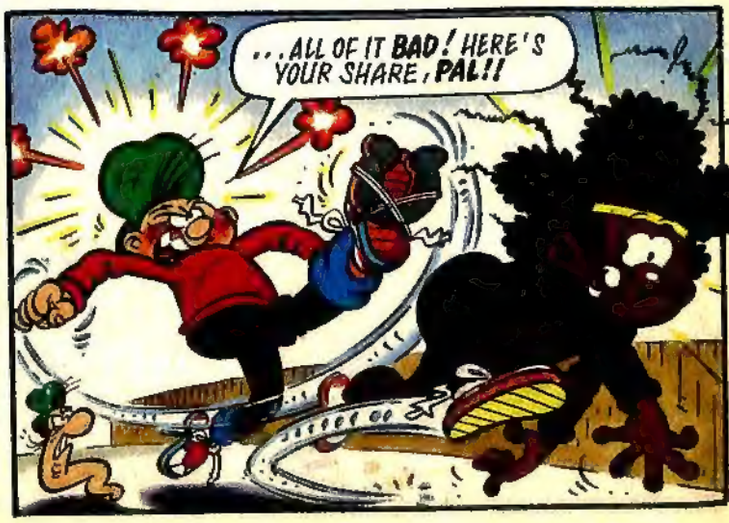

I'LL SLIP IT INTO HIS SPORTS BAG... IT'S SURE TO BRING HIM LUCK EVENTUALLY!

SOON...
S'PPOSE I SHOULD LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE... AT LEAST WE WON!


OOOPS!
WHAP!

ER... HELLO, P.C. BLOGG... DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D GROWN A MOUSTACHE!!
I'VE GROWN TIRED OF YOU, M'LAD!

LATER...
DID THE HORSE-SHOE BRING YOU LUCK IN THE END?
YES, IT DID...


...ALL OF IT BAD! HERE'S YOUR SHARE, PAL!!